

2022 Third Quarter Earnings Conference Call

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Strategic Update

Robert J. Stefani
named CFO

- Effective November 30, 2022
- Most recently served as CFO and Treasurer at PECO Energy, an Exelon company

Continuation of
Strategic
Alternatives Process

- Southwest Gas is committed to maximizing value for all stockholders
- Continuing to review strategic alternatives for MountainWest
- Continuing to review strategic alternatives for Centuri, including a sale or spin-off

Business Updates



Southwest Gas Holdings: Positioned for Value Creation



We set our course with clear intention, investing in tomorrow to provide lasting value to our stockholders, employees, and the communities we serve.



Leading regulated natural gas operator positioned for accelerated value creation

- Predictable, low-risk earnings growth
- Stable rate base growth driven by strong regional demand dynamics
- Diversified, fully-regulated business profile supported by constructive regulatory mechanisms
- Culture of safety, service, and reliability
- Positioned for the energy transition through RNG and hydrogen opportunities, reducing transportation emissions, delivering on energy efficiency, and conservation



Scaled pure-play utility services platform in attractive end markets with a high-quality business model

- Blue-chip customer base of long-tenured utilities
- Proven long-term track record of significant, profitable revenue growth
- Highly-recurring revenue underpinned by multi-year MSAs and low-risk contracts
- Positioned for continued long-term growth with tailwinds across utility end markets and expansion into high growth and renewable energy markets



Unique, irreplaceable critical infrastructure asset

- Serves as “Hub of the Rockies” with critical connectivity offering nimble response to supply/demand needs
- Strong, consistent cash flow generation
- Pipeline of actionable growth opportunities
- Critical storage platform
- Favorable regional demand dynamics
- Proven track record of operational excellence

SWGC Continues to Execute Growth Projects to Enhance Value

Natural Gas Distribution Segment

Utility Optimization Plan

Southwest Gas Corporation (“SWGC”) initiated a multi-step utility evaluation process focused on optimizing utility performance and delivering value to all stakeholders.

Plan Overview

- 1 Capitalization policy review
- 2 New business policy review
- 3 AZ general rate case
- 4 Regulatory approvals supporting transactions, as necessary
- 5 Legislative initiatives
- 6 Budget and cost management
- 7 Enhanced regulatory mechanisms

Arizona Rate Case Update

Summary of Final Positions: (\$ in millions)

	SWGC	Staff	RUCO ⁽²⁾
Rate Relief	\$61.7	\$57.8	\$54.8
ROE	9.3%	9.3%	9.3%
Equity Ratio	50%	50%	50%
PTYP ⁽¹⁾ Period	12 mos	12 mos	6 mos

Notes:

- (1) PTYP Period: Post-Test Year Plant Period
 (2) RUCO: Residential Utility Consumer Office

Procedural Update:

- Hearing conducted Sept. 26 – 28
- Legal briefs filed Oct. 26
- Rates effective Q1 2023



Fort Irwin Expansion Project

Fort Irwin’s remote desert location provides an opportunity to enhance energy reliability, resilience, and security.



- On-site generation capacity capable of maintaining critical loads indefinitely during an electric outage
- 22.5-mile dedicated natural gas pipeline
- Estimated pipeline cost of \$39M

California Hydrogen Demonstration Project

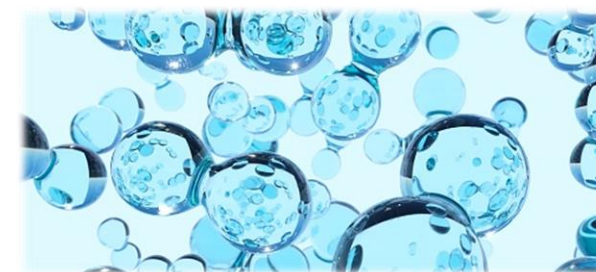
SWGC filed for approval of a hydrogen-blending demonstration project with the California Public Utilities Commission on September 8, 2022.

Project Objective:

- Establish critical knowledge targeting hydrogen-blending in extreme cold and high-elevations

Project Detail:

- Project will test a blend of 5% to 20% hydrogen with natural gas in plastic and steel pipe
- 18-month period of testing



Centuri Well Positioned for Success as it Expands into High Growth Markets

Infrastructure Services Segment

Achieving Growth

New Awards

- Contract awards with utilities totaling \$175 million during Q3 2022, including a new midwestern United States gas utility MSA customer.
- Secured \$20+ million annualized incremental revenue increase on existing customer contracts to offset certain inflationary cost increases.

Strong Sector Growth

- Multi-year strong outlook for gas and electric T&D market growth, significant multi-year opportunities in 5G and offshore wind related infrastructure

Clean Energy Projects Expansion

- Awarded notice to proceed for \$217 million contract to provide onshore assembly, fabrication, and port logistics for offshore wind project in northeastern United States.
- Together with existing \$135 million contract and ~\$175 million pending additional contract award, expected to have \$500+ million of backlog for multi-year performance relating to clean energy projects.



Emergency Response

Linetec, National Powerline, and Riggs Distler storm crews responded across the southeast United States and into Canada after both Hurricane Fiona and Hurricane Ian left countless communities without power.

800 Employees deployed

\$30M Revenue earned September-October

0 Safety incidents

Published Second Annual Sustainability Report

In support of our customers, employees and stakeholders, Centuri is committed to making energy infrastructure more efficient, while taking care of the people and places around us.

We continue to advance sustainability by integrating Environmental, Social and Governance values in all parts of our business, not only in the commitments we make but also through the work we do.

[2022 Sustainability Report | Building Better](#)



MountainWest – Strong Cash Flow Generation and Growth Opportunities

Pipeline and Storage Segment

Growth Opportunities

Potentially more than \$200 million in incremental growth capital expenditure opportunities through 2025.

Project	Overview
✓ Carbonate Tap Expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 1, 2023 target in-service date 47,000 Dth per day volume, 15-year term
✓ Opal East Expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held successful open season in Q3 2022 December 1, 2023 target in-service date 267,000 Dth per day volume, 10-year term
Westbound Compression Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 2025 target in service date ~325,000 Dth per day volume, 15-year term
Other Expansion Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coal-to-gas conversion opportunities \$100-\$150 million of potential capital spend

✓ Indicates projects under contract



Business Highlights

Throughout the integration into SWX, MountainWest has shown strong, consistent cash flow generation, high performance, and a superior level of customer service.

- Enhancements made to business systems and procedures to improve overall customer service
- Successfully recontracting all available capacity
- Subscription rates for all pipelines significantly more than 90%
 - MountainWest Pipeline – 94%
 - MWOP – 94%
 - White River Hub – 92%

Transition Integration

Transition integration work remains on schedule.

End of 2022

- Majority of Transition Services Agreement services will conclude
- Back-office teams in place
- Significantly reduced support from Dominion Energy

FERC Rate Review

In September 2022, FERC initiated a rate review of MountainWest Overthrust Pipeline (“MWOP”).

- MWOP has filed its initial response with FERC
- Any rate change would be prospective
- Final order expected in mid- to late-2024 unless settled



Financial Update



Third Quarter 2022 Financial Results

Consolidated

Results of Consolidated Operations

(in millions, except per share items)

	Three months ended		Nine months ended		Twelve months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,		September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Natural gas distribution income (loss)	\$ (22.2)	\$ (27.5)	\$ 87.3	\$ 102.6	\$ 171.9	\$ 182.1
Utility infrastructure services income (loss)	14.3	18.5	(4.4)	32.8	3.2	56.7
Pipeline and storage income	12.3	-	44.3	-	44.3	-
Corporate and administrative income (loss)	(16.7)	(2.6)	(49.9)	(4.6)	(72.2)	(4.4)
Net income (loss)	(12.3)	(11.6)	77.3	130.8	147.2	234.4
Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	9.0	14.7	41.3	15.5	62.1	15.4
Adjusted net income (loss)	(3.3)	3.1	118.6	146.3	209.3	249.8
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ (0.18)	\$ (0.19)	\$ 1.19	\$ 2.23	\$ 2.30	\$ 4.03
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ (0.18)	\$ (0.19)	\$ 1.19	\$ 2.23	\$ 2.30	\$ 4.02
Basic adjusted earnings (loss) per share	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.05	\$ 1.82	\$ 2.49	\$ 3.28	\$ 4.29
Diluted adjusted earnings (loss) per share	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.05	\$ 1.82	\$ 2.49	\$ 3.27	\$ 4.28
Weighted average common shares	67.157	59.688	65.004	58.639	63.905	58.209
Weighted average diluted shares	67.325	59.816	65.148	58.742	64.051	58.312

Notes:

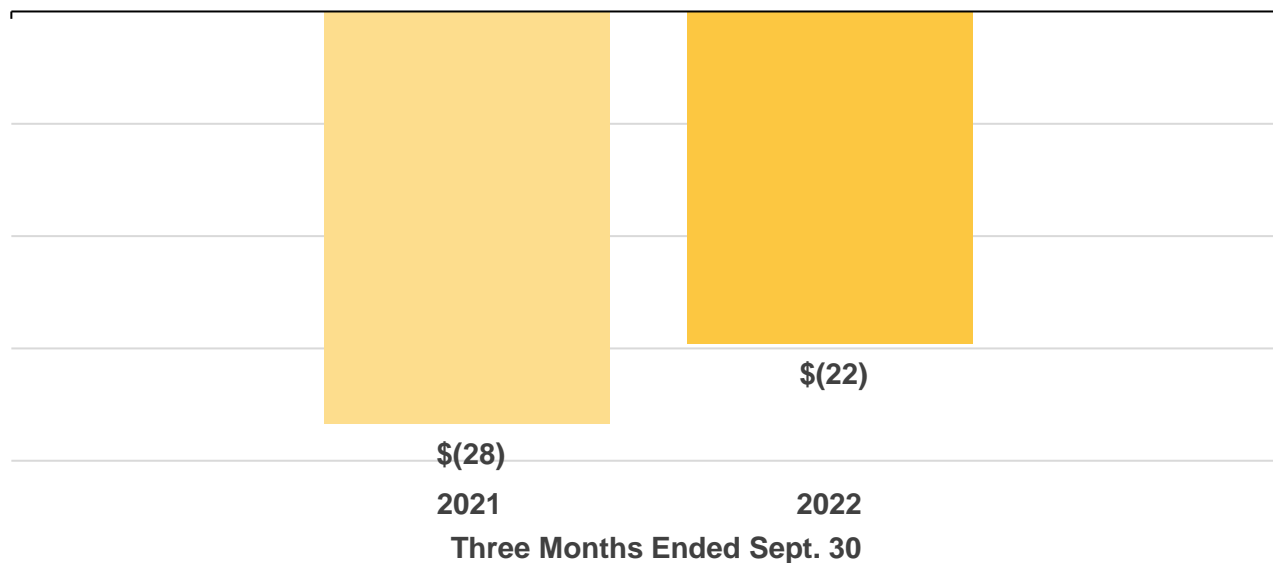
(1) The three months ended September 30, 2022 adjustments include nonrecurring stand-up costs associated with integrating MountainWest, stockholder litigation, and strategic review costs (collectively, net of tax). Incrementally, the nine months ended September 30, 2022 adjustments also include proxy contest and settlement and MountainWest transaction costs, net of tax, and the twelve months ending September 30, 2022 adjustments further include legal reserves and Riggs Distler transaction costs (collectively, net of tax). The adjustments for the three, nine, and twelve months ended September 30, 2021 include legal reserves and Riggs Distler transaction costs (collectively, net of tax).

Third Quarter 2022 Financial Results

Natural Gas Distribution Segment

Net Loss *(\$ in millions)*

■ 2021 ■ 2022



Modest cost increases offset by highest twelve-month operating margin on record

Key Drivers Q3 '22 vs. Q3 '21

Item <i>(\$ in millions)</i>	Q3 '22 to Q3 '21 Delta
Operating margin	\$11.4 increase
O&M expense	\$1.8 increase
D&A expense	\$3.0 increase
Other income	\$6.0 increase
Interest expense	\$4.5 increase
Income tax benefit	\$2.1 decrease

Commentary:

- Operating margin includes:
 - Nevada rate relief (began in Q2 2022)
 - COYL and VSP⁽¹⁾ recoveries in Arizona
 - Customer growth
- Other income includes:
 - Lower non-service-related components of employee pension and other post retirement benefit costs
 - Increased interest income
 - COLI policy cash surrender values declined

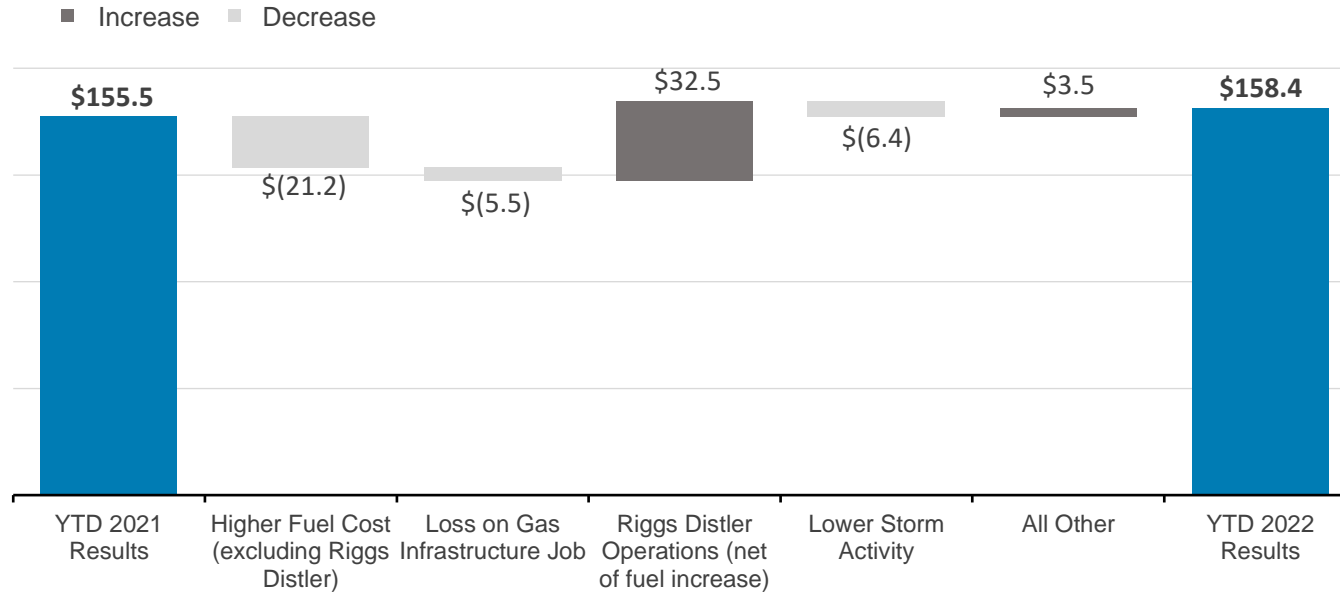
Notes:
 (1) Customer Owned Yard Line ("COYL") and Vintage Steel Pipe ("VSP")

Third Quarter 2022 Financial Results

Infrastructure Services Segment

Centuri Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ Contribution from YTD '21 to '22

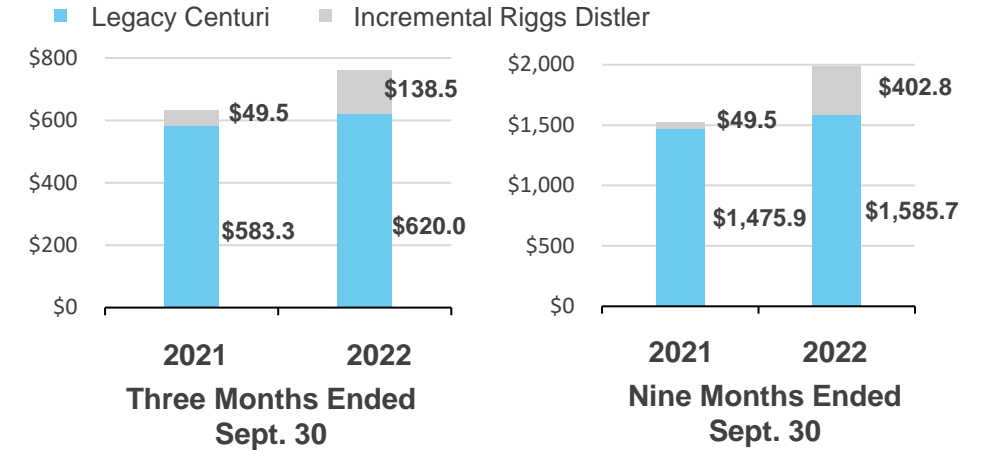
(\$ in millions)



Record revenue offset by increased operating expenses driven by continuing inflationary pressures

Revenue

(\$ in millions)



Commentary:

- Revenues impacted by:
 - Less emergency storm restoration service work in 2022
 - Changed work mix and reduced volume during 2022 due to customer supply chain challenges in procuring materials and equipment
- Expenses/costs incurred from:
 - Riggs Distler
 - Inflationary pressures on fuel and subcontractor expenses
 - Higher project-related travel and equipment rental costs

Notes: See appendix for Adjusted EBITDA reconciliation

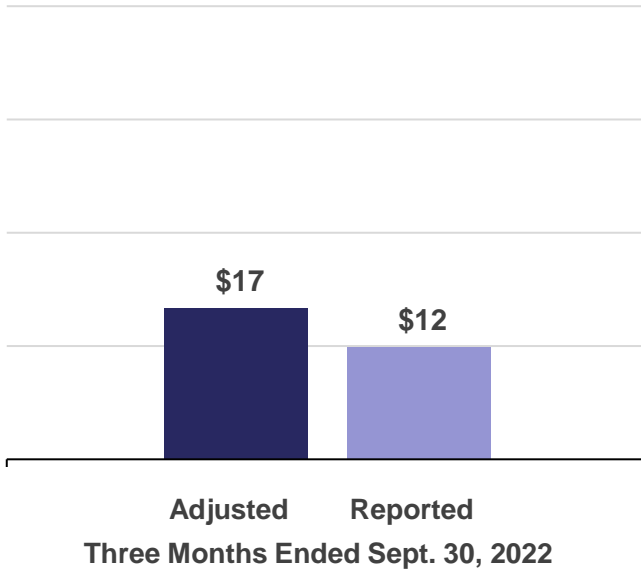
(1) Adjusted EBITDA excludes costs of strategic review, one-time acquisition costs, the nonrecurring write-off of deferred financing fees related to Centuri's amended and restated credit facility, and non-cash stock-based compensation expense.

Third Quarter 2022 Financial Results

Pipeline and Storage Segment

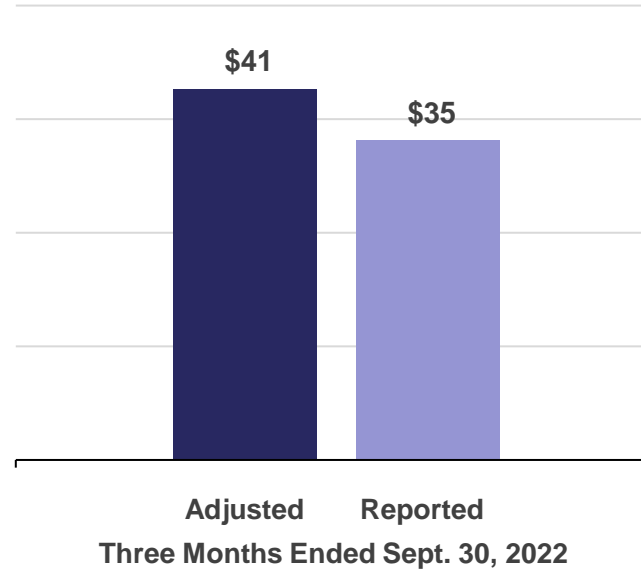
Net Income (\$ in millions)

■ Adjusted ■ Reported



EBITDA (\$ in millions)

■ Adjusted ■ Reported



Adjustment Detail

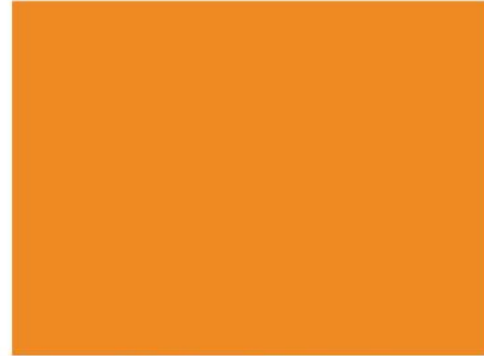
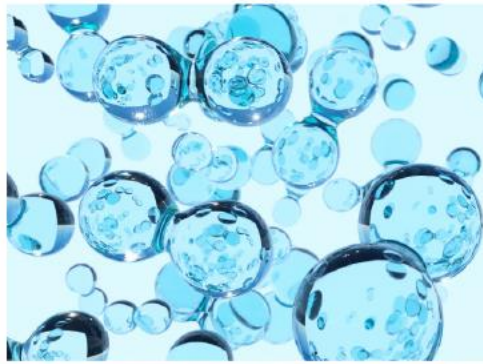
Nonrecurring expenses include:

- Nonrecurring acquisition integration costs including consultant fees
- Purchase and sale agreement employee benefit obligations

Third consecutive post acquisition quarterly reporting period with operating results in line with expectations

Notes: See appendix for Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income reconciliations

Guidance and Outlook



Company Guidance



2022 Capex:
\$650 - \$675 million

2022 Net Income⁽¹⁾:
\$185 - \$195 million

5-year Rate Base CAGR⁽²⁾:
5% - 7%

5-year Capex:
\$2.5 - \$3.5 billion

5-year O&M/per Customer CAGR⁽²⁾:
Less than 1%

ROE 2023 and beyond:
8%+

(1) Assumes \$3 - \$5 million COLI earnings
(2) CAGR 2022 - 2026



2022 Revenue:
\$2.60 - \$2.70 billion

2022 Adjusted EBITDA⁽³⁾
Margin:
8.0% - 8.5%

2023 Revenue:
\$2.8 - \$3.0 billion

2023 Adjusted EBITDA⁽³⁾
Margin:
9.5% - 11.0%

2023 - 2026 Adjusted
EBITDA⁽³⁾ CAGR:
9.0% - 11.0%

(3) Adjusted EBITDA excludes costs of strategic review, one-time acquisition costs and non-cash stock-based compensation expense.



2022 Revenue:
\$250 - \$255 million

2022 Normalized EBITDA
Margin⁽⁴⁾:
65% - 67%

MountainWest Accretion:
**Acquisition accretive to SWX EPS in 2022
exclusive of nonrecurring and overlapping
integration costs**

Growth Opportunities
**Targeting over \$200 million in incremental
growth capital expenditure opportunities
through 2025**

(4) Normalized EBITDA margin excludes nonrecurring costs associated with MountainWest integration.

Closing Remarks

■ Southwest Gas Holdings

- ✓ Maximizing value for stockholders
- ✓ Continuing strategic review process for Centuri and MountainWest

■ Southwest Gas Corporation

- ✓ Record twelve-month operating margin
- ✓ Optimizing utility to deliver value to stakeholders
- ✓ Providing resilient energy solutions for existing and new customers
- ✓ Positioned for the energy transition

■ Centuri





- ✓ Record twelve-month revenue
- ✓ Delivering on clean energy infrastructure
- ✓ Committed to our communities through storm restoration work

■ MountainWest

- ✓ Third quarter results in line with expectations
- ✓ On track for completing the transition integration
- ✓ Executing growth opportunities
- ✓ Supporting coal-to-gas conversions



Net Debt Summary

(\$ in millions as of September 30, 2022)	 SOUTHWEST GAS	 CENTURI	 MountainWest	 Southwest Gas[™] HOLDINGS	Consolidated
Total debt	\$ 3,267	\$ 1,272	\$ 449	\$ 1,300	\$ 6,288
Less: cash	25	103	42	5	175
Net debt	<u>\$ 3,242</u>	<u>\$ 1,169</u>	<u>\$ 407</u>	<u>\$ 1,295</u>	<u>\$ 6,113</u>

Summary of Operating Results

Natural Gas Distribution Segment

Results of Natural Gas Distribution <i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>	Three months ended		Twelve months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Regulated operations revenues	\$ 303,944	\$ 255,848	\$ 1,809,639	\$ 1,445,066
Net cost of gas sold	100,441	63,710	678,896	374,449
Operating margin	203,503	192,138	1,130,743	1,070,617
Operations and maintenance expense	121,537	119,708	478,554	431,795
Depreciation and amortization	64,390	61,359	258,144	249,118
Taxes other than income taxes	20,693	20,109	82,652	76,087
Operating income (loss)	(3,117)	(9,038)	311,393	313,617
Other income (loss)	1,678	(4,287)	(97)	(545)
Net interest deductions	29,417	24,922	110,957	97,259
Income (loss) before income taxes	(30,856)	(38,247)	200,339	215,813
Income tax expense (benefit)	(8,657)	(10,703)	28,458	33,679
Segment net income (loss)	\$ (22,199)	\$ (27,544)	\$ 171,881	\$ 182,134

Summary of Operating Results

Infrastructure Services Segment

Results of Utility Infrastructure Services <i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>	Three months ended		Twelve months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Revenues	\$ 758,466	\$ 632,848	\$ 2,621,646	\$ 2,065,038
Cost of sales ⁽¹⁾	688,798	551,183	2,427,266	1,847,453
Gross profit	69,668	81,665	194,380	217,585
General and administrative expenses ⁽²⁾	23,714	41,597	99,675	103,901
Amortization of intangible assets	7,434	4,511	30,509	12,680
Operating income	38,520	35,557	64,196	101,004
Other income (deductions)	(110)	1,175	(603)	827
Net interest deductions	16,608	6,257	51,825	11,642
Income before income taxes	21,802	30,475	11,768	90,189
Income tax expense	6,466	9,653	4,754	26,785
Segment net income	\$ 15,336	\$ 20,822	\$ 7,014	\$ 63,404
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	991	2,282	3,791	6,681
Contribution to consolidated net income attributable to Centuri	\$ 14,345	\$ 18,540	\$ 3,223	\$ 56,723
Adjusted net income attributable to Centuri ⁽³⁾	\$ 19,133	\$ 35,494	\$ 28,914	\$ 81,378

Notes

- ⁽¹⁾ Cost of sales during the three months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 includes depreciation expense of \$31,148 and \$24,454, respectively. Cost of sales during the twelve months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 includes depreciation expense of \$118,704 and \$88,771, respectively.
- ⁽²⁾ General and administrative expenses during the three months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 includes depreciation expense of \$1,229 and \$1,056, respectively. General and administrative expenses during the twelve months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 includes depreciation expense of \$4,734 and \$4,119, respectively.
- ⁽³⁾ Excludes the impact of the write-off of deferred financing fees and debt modification costs, acquisition costs, strategic review costs, non-cash share-based compensation, and amortization of intangible assets, net of the impact of income tax adjustments.

Summary of Operating Results

Pipeline and Storage Segment

Results of Pipeline and Storage	Three months ended	Nine months ended
	September 30,	September 30,
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>	2022	2022
Pipeline and storage operating revenues	\$ 63,178	\$ 192,259
Net cost of gas sold	550	3,553
Operations and maintenance expense	25,198	74,251
Depreciation and amortization	12,732	38,869
Taxes other than income taxes	2,663	8,335
Operating income	22,035	67,251
Other income	353	1,691
Net interest deductions	4,553	13,449
Income before income taxes	17,835	55,493
Income tax expense	5,515	11,167
Segment net income	\$ 12,320	\$ 44,326

Non-GAAP Measures EBITDA Reconciliation	Three months ended	Nine months ended
	September 30,	September 30,
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>	2022	2022
Segment net income	\$ 12,320	\$ 44,326
Net interest deductions	4,553	13,449
Income tax expense	5,515	11,167
Depreciation and amortization	12,732	38,869
EBITDA	35,120	107,811
Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	5,670	18,901
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 40,790	\$ 126,712

Net Income Reconciliation		
Segment net income	\$ 12,320	\$ 44,326
Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	4,309	14,364
Adjusted net income	\$ 16,629	\$ 58,690

Notes:

(1) Adjustments for the quarter (\$6 million of pre-tax, \$4 million net of tax) and nine-month ended (\$19 million of pre-tax, \$14 million net of tax) reflect nonrecurring costs associated with acquisition integration costs, including consultant fees, and purchase and sale agreement employee benefit obligations.

Non-GAAP Measure

Infrastructure Services Segment

Non-GAAP Measure EBITDA - The following table presents the non-GAAP financial measures of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, which, when used in connection with net income attributable to Centuri, is intended to provide useful information to investors and analysts as they evaluate Centuri's performance. EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, and Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA adjusted for certain other items as described below. These measures should not be considered as an alternative to net income attributable to Centuri or other measures of performance that are derived in accordance with GAAP. Management believes that the exclusion of these items from net income attributable to Centuri provides an effective evaluation of Centuri's operations period over period and identifies operating trends that might not be apparent when including the excluded items. As to certain of the items below, (i) the non-recurring write-off of deferred financing fees relates to Centuri's amended and restated credit facility, (ii) acquisition costs vary from period to period depending on the level of Centuri's acquisition activity, (iii) nonrecurring strategic review costs relate to a potential sale or spin-off of Centuri, and (iv) non-cash share-based compensation varies from period to period due to amounts granted in a given year. Because EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, as defined, exclude some, but not all, items that affect net income attributable to Centuri, such measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. The most comparable GAAP financial measure, net income attributable to Centuri, and information reconciling the GAAP and non-GAAP financial measures, are included below (thousands of dollars).

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Reconciliation of Net Income to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA (Non-GAAP measures)				
Contribution to consolidated net income attributable to Centuri	\$ 14,345	\$ 18,540	\$ (4,400)	\$ 32,797
Net interest deductions	16,608	6,257	40,337	9,511
Income tax expense	6,466	9,653	3,350	17,372
Depreciation and amortization	39,811	30,021	116,286	79,982
EBITDA	77,230	64,471	155,573	139,662
Write-off of deferred financing fees	-	673	-	673
Acquisition costs	-	13,001	-	13,782
Strategic review costs	(638)	-	1,610	-
Non-cash share-based compensation	(484)	369	1,183	1,361
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 76,108	\$ 78,514	\$ 158,366	\$ 155,478

Non-GAAP Measure

Infrastructure Services Segment

Adjusted Net Income Attributable to Centuri - The following table presents the non-GAAP financial measure of Adjusted Net Income Attributable to Centuri for the three and twelve-month periods ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, which, when used in connection with net income attributable to Centuri, is intended to provide useful information to investors and analysts as they evaluate Centuri's performance. Management believes that the exclusion of certain items from net income attributable to Centuri enables it to more effectively evaluate Centuri's operations period over period and better identify operating trends that may not otherwise be apparent. As to certain of the items below, (i) the write-off of deferred financing fees and debt modification costs related to Centuri's amended and restated credit facility, (ii) acquisition costs vary from period to period depending on the level of Centuri's acquisition activity, (iii) nonrecurring strategic review costs related to a potential sale or spin-off of Centuri, (iv) non-cash share-based compensation varies from period to period due to amounts granted in a given year, (v) amortization of intangible assets vary from period to period depending on the level of Centuri's acquisition activity, and (vi) the income tax impact of adjustments that are subject to tax is determined using the incremental statutory tax rates of the jurisdictions to which each adjustment relates for the respective periods. Because Adjusted Net Income Attributable to Centuri, as defined, excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income attributable to Centuri, such measure may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. The most comparable GAAP financial measure, net income attributable to Centuri, and information reconciling the GAAP and non-GAAP financial measures, are included below (thousands of dollars).

Reconciliation of Adjusted Net Income attributable to Centuri (Non-GAAP measure)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Twelve Months Ended September 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Contribution to consolidated net income attributable to Centuri	\$ 14,345	\$ 18,540	\$ 3,223	\$ 56,723
Adjustments:				
Write-off of deferred financing fees and debt modification costs	-	1,128	-	1,128
Acquisition costs	-	13,001	196	13,782
Strategic review costs	(638)	-	1,610	-
Income tax impact of adjustments	154	(876)	(434)	(1,066)
Adjusted net income attributable to Centuri before certain non-cash adjustments	13,861	31,793	4,595	70,567
Non-cash share-based compensation	(484)	369	1,554	1,591
Amortization of intangible assets	7,434	4,511	30,509	12,680
Income tax impact of non-cash adjustments	(1,678)	(1,179)	(7,744)	(3,460)
Adjusted net income attributable to Centuri	\$ 19,133	\$ 35,494	\$ 28,914	\$ 81,378

Safe Harbor Statement

Forward-Looking Statements

Unless context otherwise requires, in this presentation, references to “we”, “us” and “our” are to Southwest Gas Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: SWX) (“Southwest Gas” or the “Company” or “SWX”) together with its consolidated subsidiaries, which include, among others, Southwest Gas Corporation (“SWGC” or “Utility”), MountainWest Pipelines Holding Company (“MountainWest” or “MWP”) formerly known as Dominion Energy Questar Pipelines, LLC, Centuri Group, Inc. (“Centuri”) and Great Basin Gas Transmission Company (“Great Basin” or “GBGTC”). The following are subsidiaries of Centuri: NPL Construction Co. (“NPL”), NPL Canada Ltd. (“NPL Canada”), New England Utility Constructors, Inc. (“Neuco”), Linetec Services, LLC (“Linetec”), Riggs Distler & Company, Inc. (“Riggs Distler”), Canyon Pipeline Construction, Inc. (“Canyon”), National Powerline LLC (“National Powerline”) and W.S. Nicholls Construction Inc. (“WSN Construction”).

This presentation contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such statements include, without limitation, statements regarding the Company and the Company's expectations or intentions regarding the future. These forward-looking statements can often be identified by the use of words such as “will”, “predict”, “continue”, “forecast”, “expect”, “believe”, “anticipate”, “outlook”, “could”, “target”, “project”, “intend”, “plan”, “seek”, “estimate”, “should”, “may” and “assume”, as well as variations of such words and similar expressions referring to the future, and include (without limitation) statements regarding, our expectations for our utility infrastructure services, natural gas operations, and pipeline and storage segments, estimated future capital expenditures, projected rate base at December 31, 2026, our 2022 financial guidance and expected value drivers, expectations with respect to a separation of Centuri, the potential sale of MountainWest, and the future performance of the Company and Southwest Gas Corporation. A number of important factors affecting the business and financial results could cause actual results to differ materially from those stated in the forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, the timing and impact of executing (or not executing) on various strategic alternatives, including whether we will sell or spin Centuri and/or sell MountainWest, the timing and amount of rate relief, changes in rate design, customer growth rates, the effects of regulation/deregulation, tax reform and related regulatory decisions, the impacts of construction activity at Centuri, the potential for, and the impact of, a credit rating downgrade, the costs to integrate MountainWest, future earnings trends, inflation, increasing interest rates, sufficiency of labor markets and similar resources, seasonal patterns, current and future litigation, the costs and effect of stockholder activism, and the impacts of stock market volatility. In addition, the Company can provide no assurance that its discussions about future operating margin, operating income, COLI earnings, interest expense, and capital expenditures of the natural gas distribution segment will occur. Likewise, the Company can provide no assurance regarding utility infrastructure services segment revenues, EBITDA, EBITDA margin or growth rates, that projects expected to be undertaken with results as stated will occur, nor that interest expense patterns will transpire as expected, nor assurance regarding potential transactions or their impacts, including management's plans or expectations related thereto, including with regard to Centuri or MountainWest. The Company does not assume any obligation to update the forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time, whether as a result of new information, future developments, or otherwise.

Forward-looking statements are based on assumptions which we believe are reasonable, based on current expectations and projections about future events and industry conditions and trends affecting our business. However, whether actual results and developments will conform to our expectations and predictions are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that, among other things, could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements, including without limitation, those discussed under the heading “Risk Factors”, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” and “Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure about Market Risk” in the Company’s most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and in the Company’s and Southwest Gas Corporation’s current and periodic reports, including our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, filed from time to time with the SEC, and other reports that we file with the SEC from time to time.

New factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all such factors, or the extent to which any such factor or combination of factors may cause actual results to differ from those contained in any forward-looking statement. The statements in this presentation are made as of the date hereof, even if subsequently made available on our website or otherwise. We do not assume any obligation to update the forward-looking statements provided to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date on which they were made.

Non-GAAP Measures

Non-GAAP Measures. This presentation contains financial measures that have not been calculated in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (“GAAP”). These non-GAAP measures include (i) adjusted consolidated earnings per diluted share, (ii) adjusted consolidated net income, (iii) utility infrastructure services segment adjusted net income, (iv) utility infrastructure services segment EBITDA, (v) utility infrastructure services segment adjusted EBITDA, (vi) pipeline and storage segment adjusted net income, (vii) pipeline and storage segment EBITDA, and (viii) pipeline and storage segment adjusted EBITDA. Management uses these non-GAAP measures internally to evaluate performance and in making financial and operational decisions. Management believes that its presentation of these measures provides investors greater transparency with respect to its results of operations and that these measures are useful for a period-to-period comparison of results. Management also believes that providing these non-GAAP financial measures helps investors evaluate the Company’s operating performance, profitability, and business trends in a way that is consistent with how management evaluates such performance. Adjusted consolidated income for the three months ended September 30, 2022 include nonrecurring stand-up costs associated with integrating MountainWest, stockholder litigation, and strategic review costs (collectively, net of tax). Incrementally, the adjusted consolidated income for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 also includes proxy contest and settlement costs and MountainWest transaction costs, net of tax, and the twelve months ending September 30, 2022 adjustments further include legal reserves and Riggs Distler transaction costs (collectively, net of tax). The adjustments for the three, nine and twelve months ended September 30, 2021 include legal reserves and Riggs Distler transaction costs (collectively, net of tax.) Management believes it is appropriate to adjust for expenses related to the proxy contest and related stockholder litigation because these matters are unique and outside of the ordinary course of business for the Company. In addition, utility infrastructure adjusted net income includes adjustments related to the impact of the write-off of deferred financing fees and debt modification costs, acquisition costs, strategic review costs, non-cash share-based compensation, and amortization of intangible assets, net of the impact of income tax adjustments. Management believes it is appropriate to adjust for these items because they are either nonrecurring or vary from period to period. Pipeline and storage segment adjusted net income includes adjustments related to non-recurring costs associated with acquisition integration costs, including consultant fees, and purchase and sale agreement employee benefit obligations (net of tax). Management believes it is appropriate to adjust for expenses related to the MountainWest acquisition and integration because they are one-time expenses that will not recur in future periods.

Management also uses the non-GAAP measure of operating margin related to its natural gas distribution operations. The Utility recognizes operating revenues from the distribution and transportation of natural gas (and related services) to customers. Gas cost is a tracked cost, which is passed through to customers without markup under purchased gas adjustment mechanisms, impacting revenues and net cost of gas sold on a dollar-for-dollar basis, thereby having no impact on the Utility’s profitability. Therefore, management routinely uses operating margin, defined by management as gas operating revenues less the net cost of gas sold, in its analysis of the Utility’s financial performance. Operating margin also forms a basis for the Utility’s various regulatory decoupling mechanisms. Management believes supplying information regarding operating margin provides investors and other interested parties with useful and relevant information to analyze the Utility’s financial performance in a rate-regulated environment.

We do not provide a reconciliation of forward-looking Non-GAAP Measures to the corresponding forward-looking GAAP measure due to our inability to project special charges and certain expenses.